

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kewen Campbell "K.C."  
Dodson, former Director of Research and  
Legislation for the Tennessee Farm Bureau.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of  
this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Kewen Campbell  
"K.C." Dodson; and

WHEREAS, "K.C." Dodson was a stellar individual, the former Director of Research and  
Legislation for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation; he worked diligently for this fine  
organization for thirty-five productive years, promoting the best interests of Tennessee farmers;  
and

WHEREAS, a native of Warren County, Mr. Dodson was the son of the late Charles and  
Sue Grissom Dodson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson was active in Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club  
while attending the University of Tennessee, where he majored in Agricultural Economics and  
Animal Husbandry; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation, he worked for a short time as State Cotton Auditor for  
the AAA, then accepted a position with the Farm Security Administration in Henry County. In  
1940, Mr. Dodson assumed the duties of Administrative Assistant in the State FSA Office; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson was a veteran of World War II, and after proudly serving in the United States Army Air Corps as a flight instructor in College Station, Texas, he returned to work for the FSA in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, from 1946 to early 1950, Mr. Dodson worked for the Veterans Administration as Supervisor of the Nashville training unit; in February, 1950, he was elevated to the position of Senior Agricultural Training Officer and was in charge of the Veterans On-The-Farm Training Program for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he began working for the Farm Bureau in September 1950, and retired from his official duties on October 1, 1980. He continued to serve the bureau as a consultant on legislative matters until June 1, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson was primarily responsible for the Farm Bureau's legislative program and worked closely with this General Assembly when it was in session. He also had responsibilities in the national legislative program of the bureau and coordinated efforts of the county organizations to implement both national and state bureau policies; and

WHEREAS, his research duties involved preparation of highly informative materials and background data on Farm Bureau issues. He served admirably on numerous statewide committees and legislative studies related to his responsibilities with the organization; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious employment with the Farm Bureau, Mr. Dodson served astutely on many study and evaluation committees dealing with water resources, air and water pollution programs, taxes, education and state governmental economic studies, as well as many agricultural committees and legislative groups; and

WHEREAS, among the many pieces of legislation that he successfully guided to passage were the Question Three Property Tax Amendment, legislation classifying property for tax purposes, bills exempting agricultural production items from sales taxation, a seasonal exemption for fertilizer hauling, establishment of the Animal Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory, the establishment of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, legislation

increasing the state inheritance tax exemption from eleven-thousand dollars to sixty-thousand dollars, livestock auction market regulations, legislation licensing livestock dealers to aid in tracing and identifying diseased hogs and cattle for disease eradication and control, and the Agricultural Forestry and Open Space Act; and

WHEREAS, because of these and many other notable accomplishments, Mr. Dodson was selected by the Associated Press as the State's most effective lobbyist in 1979 and was chosen "Man of the Year" in Tennessee Agriculture by *Progressive Farmer Magazine* in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Governor Alexander appointed him as one of the original seven members of the Tennessee Forestry Commission and he served adroitly on the commission for two terms, distinguishing himself as a strong supporter of the promotion of good forestry practices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson generously contributed his time and talent to many civic enterprises including service as President of the local Kiwanis Club and as Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis International Tennessee District, 18th Division; as President of the local University of Tennessee Alumni Chapter, President of the General Alumni Chapter of U.T. and National Chairman of the U.T. Alumni Giving program; as a member of the Advisory Board of Maury County Hospital; as Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors of the Columbia-Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce; as an Advisory Director on the Board of Directors of the First Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Columbia and as a member of the Board of Kings' Daughters' School for the mentally handicapped; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson evinced his faith as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Columbia, having served as Chairman, Vice Chairman and as a member of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, he was first married to the former Virginia Hinton of Clarksville, who passed away in 1976.

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson leaves behind a large and loving family whose affection for him was manifested in their devoted care for him in the last months of his life: his loving wife of fifteen years, Polly Prosser Sanders, daughter, Julianne Dodson of Chattanooga; son, Charles Richard "Dick" Dodson of Chattanooga; stepdaughter, Emily Sanders Clark of Woodstock, Georgia; stepson, Bobby Sanders of Jackson, Georgia; and sister, Lorella Quinn of McMinnville; as well as seven grandchildren, Campbell Dodson, Hillary Virginia Dodson, Samuel Clark, Jessica Sanders, Cole Sanders, Lindsey Sanders; and a nephew, Charles Quinn; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Kewen Campbell "K.C." Dodson leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Kewen Campbell "K.C." Dodson, remembering with admiration his love of life and his many contributions to agriculture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of "K.C." Dodson, and hope that the legacy of this great man continues to inspire and comfort all who knew him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.